



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

Bowning, Breadalbane, Dalton, Gunning, Gurrundah, Murrumbateman, Wee Jasper and Yass

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ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

St Augustine's Parish is a community striving to be Christ to one another and to welcome and serve the Christ in those around us. We seek ongoing spiritual formation as individuals, as families and as a community. We hope, through pastoral care, to strengthen, support and enrich one another and reach out to others in witness and evangelisation.

Parish Priest	Father	Mick Burke
Youth Worker	VACANT	
Chair Finance Committee	Paul	O'Mara
Chair Parish Council	Sarah	Johnston
Principal of the School	Michael	Green
School Community Council	Amber	Maher
Sacramental Team Leader	Dianne	Carey
RCIA	Sister	Aileen
Parish Office	Zuzy	Webster
	Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm	

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

7th & 8th March 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

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The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

PARISH PRAYER

Lord God, may we, as St Augustine's Parish, be a united and welcoming community recognising the need for Christ in our lives and serving the Christ in others. May we, as community, continue to face challenges together serving and supporting individuals and our families through our own personal efforts and our parish support groups. Guide us with your patient love. Fill us with your infinite Wisdom. Pour out your rich blessings upon us as we reach out to one another to fulfil our spiritual and pastoral needs as One in Christ, in community, and in faith, hope and love. AMEN.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Yass:	<i>St Augustine</i>	
Vigil Saturday		6:00 pm
Gunning:	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Sunday		8:30 am
5 th Sunday Liturgy of the Word and HC		8:30 am
Murrumbateman:	<i>Uniting Church Hall</i>	
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Sunday		10:30 am
5 th Sunday Liturgy of the Word and HC		10:30 am
Wee Jasper:	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	
5 th Sunday		10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday	Yass	5:30 pm
Thursday	Yass	7:30 am
Friday	Yass	12:00 noon
Saturday	Yass	9:00 am

Nursing Home/Hostel

Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)		
2 nd Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am

Horton/Warlington

4 th Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
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Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass with the residents at both locations.

Exposition

Saturday after 9:00am Mass until 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Yass 10:00am, 5:00pm – 5:15pm

Sunday Gunning 8:00am – 8:15 am

At other times: On request

Baptisms

Yass	Saturdays	10:30 am
	3 rd & 4 th Sundays	12:15 pm

Gunning Parish 1st Sunday 8:30 am & 12:30 pm

Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Mon, Wed. or Fri.)

Marriages

By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

School Enrolments

Mt Carmel Central School: Kindergarten to Yr 6. Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



After fifteen years in Yass, Sister Macrina is moving to Young in three weeks. Due to the sudden decision of her superiors, we are given little time to express our gratitude for her wonderful contribution to our community, especially her work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. I suggest at the Vigil Mass on the 21st March we give thanks for her ministry and after Mass gather for a 'pot luck' meal at the Hartigan Centre.

Next Saturday I will be in Bega for a wedding and Fr. Greg Beath will celebrate the Vigil Mass. In the morning, there will be a Liturgy with Holy Communion.

Coronavirus leads Catholic churches to change Mass practices and we have been directed as follows:

"Effective immediately, all Priests, Deacons, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist within the Archdiocese must wash their hands before the beginning of Mass. Those distributing Holy Communion also are being told to use the antibacterial solution before and after distributing Communion.

Additional guidelines for parishioners during Mass services include, according to a list distributed by the Archdiocese:

- Avoiding physical contact during the sign of peace.
- Holy Communion should be received only in the hand, **not** on the tongue.
- The removal of Holy Water from all fonts.
- Distribute the Sacred Host only and **not** the Precious Blood.

Other dioceses throughout the world are also limiting how Communion is distributed and taking steps to help reduce the transmission of the disease.

As of 3 March 2020, Australia has 33 confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19)."

'Listen to him'

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration. It is an account of a significant spiritual experience for the disciples. We can recall in our own lives times when we received a new spiritual insight, moments when we came to know Jesus in a more profound way. These moments change us, they are powerful and can sustain us in difficult times.

During Lent we are invited into a new way of seeing. As our world faces enormous environmental challenges, faith communities have a huge role to play in protecting God's creation for generations to come. The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual, for we have become disconnected from nature and forgotten how deeply interconnected everything is. This calls for a deep conversion, a reconnection; to be filled again with a childlike sense of awe and wonder where our relationship with the natural world is concerned. This Lent, let us spend more time in nature, being aware of God's presence in every created thing. Let us stand awestruck before the beauty of the world.

'The entire material universe speaks of God's love ... Soil, water, mountains: everything is a caress of God ... From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine. Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night'.

(Laudato Si, 84-85)

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Parish Finance Committee Members:

Bill	Luchetti	Father	Mick Burke
Stan	Waldren	David	Garland
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Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Annabelle O'Connell (Youth)	Peter	Cleary (Liturgy)
Bryan Coleborne (Ecumenism)	Michael	Green (School)
Genevieve Colbert (Education)	Lourdes	O'Keefe (Social)
Bob Nash (Maintenance)	Michael	Van Wanrooy (Welfare)
Ex Officio Member: Fr Mick Burke	Sarah	Johnston (Social Justice)

A Divine Design

Jesus was changed before their eyes. Have you ever seen a transfiguration? Have you ever seen a simple thing become a holy thing, like bread become sacred flesh? Have you ever seen a plain face become a radiant beauty when seen through the eyes of love? Have you ever seen a timid person become a lion when circumstances required strength beyond fear? Transfiguration is not an isolated incident, a one-time deal in salvation history. Transfigurations happen around us in surprising places, for those who have eyes to see.

Sitting with my driving friend for many weeks, I watched how a weakening body can become a temple of great holiness. The spiritual strength of a failing mortal life was so much stronger than the physical vigour he once displayed. Before his illness, he scaled mountains for pleasure. In his last illness, he ascended to spiritual heights that astonished me with their breathtaking vistas. Once, he saw the view from the peaks of the Sierras and hoped to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Now, his vision is on higher places, and the things he sees are lovelier than all the earth's delights. This is transfiguration, as surely as what Peter, James and John saw on that fateful day.

"Don't breathe a word of what you've seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk".

When and how have you seen transfigurations in yourself, in others, or in situations around you?

Get ready to participate in some powerful transfigurations! Ask God to change the rough, ugly, or impossible roads in your life into freeways for grace. Invite the Holy Spirit to make the valleys smooth, and the mountains low.

GPBS eNews

"Lord, give me the grace for transformation."

The word transfiguration means a change in form or appearance. Biologists call it metamorphosis (derived from the Greek word *metamorphoōmai* used in Matthew's Gospel), to describe the change that occurs when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. (Holo-metabolism, also called complete metamorphosis, is a form of insect development which includes four life stages – as an embryo or egg, a larva, a pupa and an imago or adult). As children, we might have curiously watched the process of the caterpillar turning into a chrysalis and then bursting into a beautiful Monarch butterfly. Fr. Anthony De Mello tells the story of such a metamorphosis in the prayer life of an old man. "I was a revolutionary when I was young, and all my prayer to God was: 'Lord, give me the grace to change the world.' As I approached middle age and realized that half of my life was gone without changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: 'Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me; just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied.' Now that I am old and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: 'Lord, give me the grace to change myself.' If I had prayed for this right from the start, I should not have wasted my life."

Fr. Anthony Kadavill



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

WORKING BEE

Saturday 14th March from 8:00am

The working bee is to clean out all rubbish throughout the Hartigan Centre left over from the building works.

We will require a ute or 2 trailers, shovels, rakes and yard brooms, as well as some strong buckets to lower the bricks and debris from the upstairs front verandah.

If we can get 12 people it shouldn't take too long.

Please contact Bob Nash on 0418 691 423 so groups can be organized for each area.



This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Grace Elizabeth child of Jason & Claire

Next week we welcome into our Church community:

Lincoln Brendon child of Aaron & Candice

CALL TO CONNECT – 17th MARCH

The prayer gathering 'Call to Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th March at 2:30pm.

YASS LENTEN PROGRAMME

When: Every Thursday

Time: 10:00am

Where: 7/37 Dutton Street, Yass.

Cost: Books \$9.95

Enquiries: Genevieve Colbert 0451 111 769.

EASTER CARDS

Easter Cards are now available for purchase from *Aid to the Church in Need*. Each packet contains 12 Easter cards and envelopes.

The Easter cards feature the religious paintings of Swiss artist, Bradi Barth and include a bible verse inside.

Cost: First packet \$23 (includes postage). Extra packets \$15 each.

Proceeds raised go toward ACN projects that support the Church where she is unable to support herself.

Order over the phone: 1800 101 201 or online: www.aidtochurch.org.

AUTUMN PLANT STALL – 12th MARCH

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will be holding its autumn plant stall from 7:30am – 4:00pm, near the main foyer, Calvary Hospital, Bruce.

There will be an excellent variety of indoor and outdoor plants for sale, including succulents, natives, exotics, roses, geraniums, lilies, iris and more.

All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

Contact: Jan 0437 790 980.

LOVAT CHAPEL ORGAN RECITAL – 29th MARCH

Performance by Linus Lee

Time: 2:30pm (doors open 2:00pm)

Cost: \$20 adult

\$15 concession

Refreshments available at interval. Cost \$5.00.



HELP NEEDED

For the recital on the 29th March, slices, cakes, sandwiches, etc. for supper at interval.

Helpers also needed on the night.

Please contact Lourdes O'Keefe on 0413 096 413.

LEARNINGS FOR AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS & THE AUSTRALIAN PLENARY COUNCIL – 2nd APRIL

7:30pm at the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. The forum is to inform on the processes and outcomes, including the Pope's response, of the Amazon Synod. A Background Paper is available on the CCCG website.

Speakers include Br Mark O'Connor FMS Vicar for Communications, Parramatta diocese, official observer at the Amazon Synod. Paul Nicoll, Canberra Catholic with experience and insight into the Brazilian/Amazon church. Agnes Dodds, Melbourne Catholic and member of Women's Wisdom in the Church (WWITCH) and Terry Fewtrell, post Amazon Synod considerations for the church reform agenda leading into the October sessions in Adelaide and following stages of the Plenary Council.

JOURNEY WITH THE MARTYRS – LENTEN CALENDAR

During the season of Lent *Aid to the Church in Need* would like to invite you to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar. The Lent calendar features 47 true stories of modern martyrs, witnesses of love, who heroically offered their lives for God and their communities.

Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020

INSTAGRACE FOR YEAR 8 TO 12 – 14th TO 17th APRIL

Instagrace is four day catholic residential program organised by Jesus Youth Canberra for Years 8 to Year 12. This program is designed to help teenagers explore themselves and develop a personal relationship with Jesus through inspiring talks, music and life testimonies.

Where: St John Paul II College, 211 Goyder St, Narrabundah.

Time: 9:00am to 11:00am

Registration: www.instagrace.com.au to register.

Fee: \$200.

Close: 31st March 2020.

Enquiries: Roby 0433 828 266; Jobin 0470 415 847; Leeba 0403 893 115

Email: jesusyouthcanberra@gmail.com

CLAIMING THE DATE

8TH TO 10TH MAY

2020 Hanging of the quilts

COMMUNION REFLECTION

And they saw his glory.

They saw his glory and were surprised.
We see his glory all around us
and often do not notice it,
and when we do notice it,
we are surprised.

Christ in the surprise of a flower,
Christ in the discovery of new love,
Christ in the offering and welcoming of reconciliation,
Christ in the tireless efforts of men and women of peace,
in the schoolroom in a city slum
where a teacher transforms the lives of the poor
who are God's favourites,

And they saw his glory
in the efforts to free those imprisoned unjustly
by regimes which feed their own greed,
in the hours of listening in a marriage,
in the time spent watching in love over a sick child,
in caring for the sick, the lonely, the old,
in all those times
we go out of our own cares, big or small,
to enter the cares of others.

And they saw his glory:

And in such moments
We too see his glory.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Leon Garry, Mary-Anne McGrath, Rodney Frazer,
and Fay Mavis Kaveney.

Prayers for

Sam Turner and William Grace

Prayers for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time including:

Leslie James (1/3), Bernard Cleary (2/3), Patricia Smith (6/3),
Sam Dyball (6/3), Peter Grieves (7/3), Ruby O'Brien (8/3),
Stan Walmsley (8/3), Bridget Cooke (8/3),
Jarrod Sheather (9/3), Garry Delbridge (9/3),
Ronald Connors (9/3), Betty Schutz (9/3),
Phyllis Walmsley (12/3), Kathleen (Kay) Winter (13/3),
Irene Wailes (14/3), Donald Bell (16/3), Daphne Irwin (19/3),
Robyn O'Mara (19/3), Justin Moller (20/3),
Adam Darmody (22/3), Bill Patrick (22/3), Joe Rigby (23/3),
Robin Woods (24/3), Elsie McGregor (24/3),
Barbara Merriman (27/3), Roderick Connors (27/3),
Dixie Byrne (27/3), Michael Freebody (28/3)
and Harry Cooke (28/3).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Readings/Resp. Psalm/Gospel Acc. 2 = Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Offertory 4 = Acolyte

7 Mar	Gaye	McManus	1	Peter	Gibbs	2
	McManus	Family	3	Greg	Minahan	4
14 Mar	Joseph	Morrissey	1	Susan	Morrissey	2
	Morton	Family	3	Allan	Hackett	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

7 Mar	Frank	Grace	Susan	Morrissey	Kay	Perceval
14 Mar	Peter	Walker	Maryanne	Samperi	Joseph	Morrissey

VISITS

8 Mar	Frank	Grace	Susan	Morrissey	Kay	Perceval
15 Mar	Peter	Walker	Maryanne	Samperi	Joseph	Morrissey

ALTAR SERVERS

7 Mar	Molly & Grace	McPherson		
14 Mar	Tallara	Howard	Charlotte	Alexander

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

7 Mar	Peter	Gibbs
14 Mar	Dianne	Carey

HOSPITALITY

7 Mar	Trish	Gibbs	Lourdes	O'Keefe
14 Mar	Coral	Carroll	Kath	Luchetti

CARE GROUP

9 Mar	Helen	Van Wanrooy	Suzanne	Hawkes	(Group 5)
	Kath	Turner	Shirley	Williamson	(Group 6)
16 Mar	Helen	Murphy	Maureen	Collins	(Group 7)
	Lourdes	O'Keefe	Geraldine	Doyle	(Group 8)

ALTAR CLEANERS

7 Mar	Kath	Moore
14 Mar	Pat	Coleborne

READINGS NEXT WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

The Israelites complain to Moses in the desert.

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

Christ laid down his life for us.

Gospel Jn 4:5-42

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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